

# Lewis and Clark County 4-H Leader's Council

Date: October 14, 2015  
 Start Time: 5:30 PM  
 End Time: 7:48 PM

Present: MSU Extension Office: Mary Meyer and Janet Cerovski  
Augusta Livestock: **Bobbi Steiner**  
Baxendale Beavers:  
Big Sky: **Wade Bratlien, Dave Hamilton, Dennis Deaton, Sydney Deaton, and Karen Bratlien**  
BHA: **Teresa Kelley Brewer**  
BOA: **Michelle Lee and Michelle Gransbery**  
Bits & Bridles  
Canyon Creek Stock:  
Farm Kids: **Laurie Sullivan and William Sullivan**  
Gold Nuggets: **Jana Gruber and Shea Gruber**  
Golden Livestock: **Kimberly Lowry**  
Haywire Kids: **Kim Ashmore and Joseph Edwards, Cage Johnson**  
Kountry Bumpkins: **Julie Gilchrist, Dora Lindner**  
LCL: **Susan Mitchell and Sandy Merchen,**  
MT City Mavs: **Louise Stoner**  
Mt. Tractor Kids:  
Rocky Mt. Livestock:  
Scratchgravel Wranglers: **Kristina Carlson**  
Silver Creek Stock: **Wyatt Schneider and Dawn Schneider**  
Silver Spurs:  
Sleeping Giants: **Cheryl Rickman and Janell Swanson, Kathy Swanson**  
Sweet Clovers: **Catherine McNeil, Janae Bodner and Donna Bodner**  
Treaters & Feeders: **Daisy Feight**  
Wild Roses: **C.J. Lassila**  
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Agenda Item	Discussion	Motion/Recommendation
<b>Call to Order / Pledges</b>	David Hamilton called the meeting to order and pledges were stated.	
<b>Minute Approval</b>	The meeting from September 9, 2015 meeting were read corrected on the steer of merits.	<b>Approved as submitted.</b>
<b>Treasurer's Report</b>	Dave gave the Treasurers Report on behalf of Michelle Ostberg in which the year ending September 30, 2015 actual total income was \$397,724.64 and actual total expenses were \$407,300.65 with a Council net income of -\$9,576.01. Catherine McNeil asked for separation of the livestock and council accounts. Dave read the income and expense line items for the two accounts as reference for the members present. He announced we will have new budget for the 2015-2016 4-H year at	

	the November meeting.	
<b>Committee Reports</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Outdoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Indoor</b></li> <li>• <b>Ambassadors</b></li> <li>• <b>Foundation</b></li> <li>• <b>Extension Office Report</b></li> <li>• <b>District 6</b></li> <li>• <b>Clubs</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Outdoor Committee</u> – Dennis Deaton reported on the meeting and brought forth the recommendation of 4-H members must attend at least one project workshop per species in order to show at fair. As such, multiple workshops dates per project would be available and approved by the Mary and the Extension Office. We have had several issues in the past with animals not making weight and other issues. Dave Hamilton thought rewording the recommendation would best reflective of the intent. Sydney Deaton inquired if a motion should be that members must attend at least a minimum one project workshop per species they plan to have as a project in order to show that project at fair. Dawn Schneider sked if it would exclude horse in which it was noted that horse has the annual helmet video. The video serves as a safety precaution along with other specific horse workshops as QA and thought the helmet workshop should be excluded. It was asked about those kids in the outer lying areas attending to this rule. For those in the areas, they could attend another county workshop and show proof. It was suggested that a report on a specific topic be submitted to their superintendent if they were unable to attend a workshop. It was asked if white ribbon wasn't enough. Dave Hamilton reported on the decreasing of attendance of the swine workshops last year and noted the final workshop was attend by 5 people, 2 of which were the junior superintendents. It was note the comparison of a sports program in which if the athlete was not attending practice they usually don't play. Superintendents spend a ton of time putting on workshops. It was noted the safety concern of pigs running all over with the smaller handlers in the arena. It was noted that Horse project would be definitely included as part of the recommendation. It was noted that Indoor could look at something similar. Since there was no motion on the floor, it was suggested the committee rework it and send it out to clubs for comments.</p> <p>Dennis reported the Outdoor Committee elected Dave Hamilton and Sean Maharg to co-chair as Overall Outdoor Superintendents for year. Other open superintendent positions were filled as listed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Horse – Dawn Schneider</li> <li>• Rabbit – Vanessa Olson &amp; Sherry Onstad, Vanessa will be main person for project.</li> <li>• Round Robin – Michelle Gransbery and Karyn Hamilton, Michelle will be main person</li> <li>• Sales – This position remains unfilled; however, it was determined leadership for this “project” would be completed by committee and that a chair would be selected from the committee. The Overall Outdoor co-chairs will address at a future meeting.</li> <li>• Barn Security – Wes Brewer List new superintendents.</li> <li>• Swine – Dave Swanson</li> </ul>	<p>Teresa Kelly Brewer made a motion to cast a ballot for the unopposed Council Officer positions. Sandy Merchen seconded and the motion unanimously carried.</p>

	<p>Theresa Kelly Brewer brought forward the concern of the project superintendents were chosen before the Overall Chair was affirmed. It was noted the project superintendents were volunteer and not appointed. Theresa noted several changes she proposed that need to go to the clubs for a broader view.</p> <p>Dennis Deaton brought forward his concern of Teresa's proposals for the livestock committee and specifically section 8.1 of Swine and the defining of the species between show and market swine. Heated discussion between the two parties briefly ensued. Dave Hamilton as President moved to close the discussion and moved on to the next agenda item.</p> <p><u>Indoor Committee</u> – Dora Lindner reported on the next meeting for Indoor was October 19 and noted the changing the high point award would be on the agenda. Date changes this year for Stir-up and Grand Foods in February and Demonstration Day will be March 9. Dora noted volunteers are still need for various projects as superintendents. Dora may have a volunteer for Cloverbuds so she is waiting on that. She asked that a club poll via vote be taken for the display of exhibits with club booths versus project booths. Please turn the club responses into the office. Dora noted this subject has been a tie vote for several years and due to logistics set up has continued the same. Dora reported she was nominated again for Indoor Overall. Catherine McNeil added the high point award would be changed so that just fair was not the deciding factor but that it would include the project year. It was noted that Wendy Brennen would be a great resource of information for the high point.</p> <p><u>Ambassadors</u> – Janell Swanson reported on their last meeting and interaction with the Cloverbuds. Janell Swanson, Katie Lindner and Caitlyn McKay will be attending Ambassador training in the coming weeks. Mary Meyer encouraged inviting the Ambassadors to your clubs.</p> <p><u>Teen Leaders</u> – Janell reported after the open house night they worked on their mystery machine for the Scooby Doo theme for the awards night which will be November 1 at 4 PM. Teen Leaders are doing a "trunk or treat" for the kids to participate in. Trunk or Treat bags will be provided. The event is a potluck so please bring a center piece for your table and a side dis. Teens and adults vehicle use for the Trunk or Treat would be welcome.</p> <p>Catherine McNeil and Karen Bratlien reported on the upcoming Scholarship and Financial Aid Award Workshop on November 14 from 1 PM to 4 PM at the BHB. We are teaming with Montana National Guard Child and Youth Program this year and will be hosting the event with representatives from Carroll College, Student Assistance Foundation and Montana National Guard to learn more on college scholarship and grant award opportunities as well as financial aid. The workshop</p>	
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	<p>is for all high school age members and their parents. It was encouraged that even Freshmen and Sophomores attend to start learning about college opportunities. The workshop will be followed by a Mini Rec Lab held in January 2016 as a two part series to prepare our youth. At the Mini Rec Lab, we will be hosting a job application and mock interview workshops. Please stay tuned for more details.</p> <p><u>Foundation</u> – Cody Mitchell reported on the past year’s fundraising efforts of \$18,000 and spoke to new fundraising efforts for the coming year. It was suggested that a fundraising committee be established in which projects with need of larger fundraising be a part of the committee. This would perhaps solve fundraising issues and perhaps be more adventitious for everyone. Foundation will be taking nominations at the November meeting. Cody noted the Cooperative Agreement between Foundation and Council needs to be finalized this year. He also spoke to pursuing the 501 (c)(3) designation spoken to by Marilyn Duesenberg, CPA. In doing so, the organization and clubs could potentially save on the annual 1% fees paid to the 4-H state. More research needs to take place for a determination. If you are interested in serving on Foundation, please contact Cody Mitchell. The next Foundation meeting will be October 20, at 5:30 PM in the Upper Conference Room. Anyone is welcome to attend the meetings.</p> <p><u>Extension Report</u> – Mary Meyer reported and thanked those who showed for club leader training. She is surveying club leader training for officers in December. She noted the request for Teen Leadership and Leadership training. Sandy Merchen is hosting monthly Leadership 101, please see schedule. Mary thanked Catherine for coordinating the Open House. Mary reported on the New Family Orientation and she will be working on a workshop for Carcass Evaluation with the state officials. Please be sure to check out the Doodle poll in the newsletter for Club Officers training.</p> <p><u>District 6</u> – Sandy Merchen reported on the state meeting. Currently there are three counties without representation. Dues have increased by \$1 this year, bringing the dues to \$6. Sandy spoke to what those dues included for members. Rec Lab will be hosted by District 7 and encourage those age 13 and up. She noted a potential horse and livestock forum scheduled in 2017 as well as looking to host more Leadership Colleges in the future. The open State position should be filled shortly.</p> <p><u>Shooting Sports</u> – Susan Mitchell noted Shooting Sports starts this week for new sign-ups followed by the full project the following week. Sign up deadline is November 15.</p> <p><u>Ops Manual</u> – Dave Hamilton gave an update on the manual and noted the intent was not to make it so rigid that it could only be updated once a year. It is considered to be a living document that gives insight into the organization,</p>	
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	<p>program and projects. There are however policies included in the document and those policies will need to go through the formal process as listed in the manual for additions, changes or deletions through the Council process. If you have updates, please submit them. Dawn Schneider reported the horse guideline needed an update. Policy's listed in there are the "hard and fast" rules. Bylaws changes need to be brought forward by the annual meeting.</p> <p><u>Building Committee</u> – Catherine McNeil reported that Ken updated the chair rack for the buildings that no longer need bungee cords to hold the tables, but better accommodate the tables. Catherine noted the some of the equipment for displays were damaged and would like others to take more care when moving and handling equipment. Katie Lindner repainted the 4-H floor logo and teen leaders painted the wall. Ken and Cody also gave lots of hours to the cabinet project. Catherine thanked those that came to clean the building. Ken will be putting together a wish list for building projects for folks to volunteer. Dave noted the proposed meeting area to accommodate shooting sports with potential rows of chairs. Cody noted the outside light is very dim and needs to be changed to an LED.</p>	
<p><b>Old Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Nomination Committee</b></li> <li>• <b>Council Budget</b></li> <li>• <b>Changes for the New Year</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Nomination Committee</u> – Dave reviewed the officers and Teresa's motion for officer election at the top of the meeting.</p> <p>Officers for 2015-2016 are:</p> <p>President – Dave Hamilton  Vice President – Kimberly Lowry  Secretary – Karen Bratlien  Treasurer – Michelle Ostberg  District 6 Rep: Sandy Merchen  Foundation Rep: Catherine McNeil  4-H Member Representative: Janelle Swanson  4-H Member Representative: Wade Bratlien</p> <p>Dave gave the history of the Northern Representative and noted in its day it was a good position, but is now revising the bylaws to eliminate that position since there was not a nomination for it. Currently the Northern Clubs are representing themselves.</p> <p><u>Council Budget</u> – Dave Hamilton report his concern of not having a straight line across for balance of budgets. Cody noted that Foundation is also concerned with that issue. Catherine spoke on behalf of the Ambassadors and Teen Leaders not pay a project fee since they are ones attending community meetings and such. She would like to see a proposal to offset these sort of costs and is hopeful that Council and Foundation would support these kids for Congress. Building does have expenses in which the rentals do not cover the utilities for the building and needs to be reviewed. Dave reported the annual budget is out on the web but it is</p>	

	<p>not continuously updated. Catherine noted the silent auction was brought back this fair year and proceeds went to the building.</p> <p><u>Changes for the New Year</u> – Dave Hamilton asked Mary and Janet if all proposed changes to the bylaws and handbook have been distributed. Dave noted this is our first year in this process. We will post recommendations for change 30 days prior to the November meeting. If anyone is here tonight with a proposal, they may take the opportunity to explain them. Dawn wanted to make sure these changes are or are not part of the livestock for the horse project as horse is independent but has been placed under Outdoor. Concern of bylaw change of section 6.02 and how the horse superintendent / chair is chosen. Horse is a subcommittee of the Outdoor Committee in which the committee reports to the Outdoor Committee. Individuals are putting forward rules for market animals that are not meant for the Horse and Dog projects. Horse committee needs to spell out their process so that everyone understands.</p> <p>Mary Meyer noted bylaws are broad and should be. Dave has concerns of the proposed bylaw changes and would like further clarification. However, it is up to the club to voice their opinions based on the proposed changed put forth.</p> <p>Kim Lowry noted she would like these to be brought forward to the Outdoor Committee for their thoughts and input prior to being taken to Council.</p>	
<p><b>New Business</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Election of Officers</b></li> <li>• <b>Vote of Affirmation for Indoor Chair</b></li> <li>• <b>Vote of Affirmation for Outdoor Chair</b></li> <li>• <b>Other</b></li> </ul>	<p><u>Election of Officers</u> – Dave Hamilton noted motion passed previously during the meeting for the election of officers.</p> <p><u>Vote of Affirmation for Indoor Chair</u> – Dave asked for a vote of affirmation for Dora Lindner as the Overall Indoor Committee Chair. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p><u>Vote of Affirmation for Outdoor Chair</u> - Dave asked for a vote of affirmation for Dave Hamilton and Sean Maharg to co-chair the Overall Outdoor Committee Chair. The vote was unanimous.</p> <p><u>Fair board</u> – Dave Hamilton and Cody Mitchell will attend an upcoming Fair board meeting to recommend updates to the sound system, security issues and access for the animals. Please bring your ideas forward to Dave or Cody for fair concerns, etc. Others noted were indoor judging take place in the Exhibit Hall so that displays do not need to be carried over later, Stampede Parade, 4-H Night during the Rodeo.</p> <p><u>Concerns of Bylaw and Exhibitor Handbook Changes Presented at Tonight's Meeting</u> – Great concern was brought forward from those in attendance regarding the Bylaw and Exhibitor Handbook presented at tonight's meeting. Concerns and discussion were:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern of dates affecting animal purchase due to birthdate.</li> </ul>	<p><b>Shea Grubber made a motion the proposed policies be presented to the Outdoor Committee for review. The motion was seconded.</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Concern of weights changes that we as a Council have worked on for years.</li> <li>• Concern of a lawsuit for the proposed changes defining what is show and market animals and is a slap in the face to the Outdoor Committee. Concern of the Overall being changed again and how the Bylaw was interpreted. Recommended that an attorney review the proposed changes for opinion.</li> <li>• Discussion of how the Overall Chairs are chosen and empowering those in their volunteer positions as superintendents.</li> <li>• Mary Meyer noted she would like to see the less “nitpicky” rules and more focus on faith the committee is making the right decision for the organization. She does think some people want to voice their opinion and have it voted down, but the new voices will question some of these items. She will pass these by the state as well as moving away from the pointed comments that seem to continue.</li> <li>• Separation of the deadlines for changes to the Bylaws, Exhibitor Handbook and Operational Manual given the purpose of each.</li> <li>• David Hamilton asked Mary Meyer to research on the market versus the show animal with the state for their opinion on the rule.</li> <li>• Clarification was asked for the definition between a show and market animal. It was questioned from a Dorper (sheep) breeder’s view, do our kids know the difference between the two? It was noted there are so many variables and has concern of whether the judge would know as well. This is for fair and it’s a learning opportunity. We cannot discount a member that breeds exceptionable animals as a youth and as a 4-H project.</li> <li>• It was suggested perhaps a specific project that addresses showing that teaches animal showing (ex. Horse) and other breed events with a defined criteria. It is not looped in as one or the other, but a class based on just showing. It was noted this is showmanship and not a specific class.</li> <li>• It was felt the recommended changes are pointed hard at segregating the kids and limited them on the Grand and Reserve.</li> </ul> <p>Other items noted during the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mary Meyer noted the 30 day rule prior to voting on proposed changes as well as noted that we all need to learn to communicate better among ourselves and stop the throwing of the stones especially at the kids.</li> <li>• It was questioned as to why people continue to bring up items that have been voted down over and over again.</li> </ul> <p>David and Mary thought it best to begin the November meeting with a review of the 4-H Mission and why we are here.</p> <p>Noted as well was that Mary will seek further clarification of the proposed changes.</p>	
<b>Announcements</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Indoor Meeting, November 16, 2015 at 5:30 / Extension Office</li> </ul>	

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<b>Next Meeting</b>	Wade Bratlien made a motion to adjourn. 7:48 PM	